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Claims 1-11, 14-16 and 18-24 are cancelled. Claims 12, 13 and 17 are pending.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss this application if doing so would facilitate the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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